

THE SPECTATOR

Nearly 2000 Boro Republicans Appear To Prefer Stassen As GOP Candidate

Our Town reported last week that only 25% of the registered voters in Narberth went to the primary polls and of this small number more than 400 Republicans wrote in the name of Harold E. Stassen as their choice for President. (Twelve Republicans in the First District wrote in Truman's name). So far as is known, the local political workers made no drive for any specific candidate, but that point has not been checked with Joe White, whose phone did not answer over the week-end.

John Cummings, however, believes that the Montgomery County Organization did put on the heat for Stassen, but the astute Fred Peters gives the impression that it would not make political sense to step in on a "straw vote" and really, opines our county chief, what would be gained by doing so?

Applying the Gallup "quintomensional" formula, and granting that Narberth people, generally speaking, average the same good garden variety, with children to rear and a living to make, the calculation would serve to establish that there are nearly 2000 citizens in this small place who would like to see the enterprising young man from Minnesota as their next President. From many standpoints, that is a very significant sign and it could denote that the people at large are highly skeptical of the usual politics and do not intend to have their country's destiny for the next four terribly important years made a matter of private decisions arrived at in smoke-filled rooms.

Perhaps it will seem to come with ill grace from one who voted four times for Roosevelt to intrude his viewpoint on what some may think is a strictly household matter, but the man who puts his party before his country is as bad as any Communist, or, to put it another way, he is exactly the same as any Communist.

If Truman insists on running, there is little doubt that the GOP will land the prize, provided their candidate is acceptable to those millions of mugwumps who turn the tide every time America changes its political leadership. There are not enough dyed-in-the-wool Democrats in the country to ever assure a Democratic national victory and the record proves that Cleveland and Wilson and Roosevelt won only by the aid of voters who are normally Republicans.

For the ten years starting in 1922 the history now being written (and in the aloof and objective manner in which authentic history should always be recorded) reveals how badly the Republican Party served the nation at that interval and how deeply such mismanagement made its mark on embittered Americans. One of the numerous studies of this kind is called "This is Normalcy" and it is important enough, and expensive enough, to keep in active circulation among those who wish to know more than their hide-bound newspapers tell them. Those who want to borrow this reporter's copy should telephone for it and they need not be afraid that it is mere propaganda nor anything except what it actually is; an impartial, intelligent and intensive research of what it was that brought this country to such a sorry pass, perhaps the most indefensible era of our entire history.

Nevertheless, the people, frustrated as never before, seem willing to return to the Republicans if they feel they have been properly chastened, but certainly some political leaders show precious little understanding of the present mood when, as a case in point, they expected Pennsylvanians to vote for the always uneasy and awkwardly talented Senator Martin, even in the nominal capacity of "favorite son." The Republicans of the State did not vote for him, notwithstanding the insistent orders in many counties, and that was good, as Martin's short and myopic record in Washington is on a Tory par with that of our money loving friend of 30 years ago (when a common chemical experience was shared). Al Hawkes, who was summarily tossed out by the New Jersey Republican after his first term as U. S. Senator. If the Republican managers plot to put up anyone of the die-hards who are of the same unregenerate ilk as Senator Martin, then it would be the Democrats who could win with a Chinaman, and no expert is needed to prophesy that.

If by some unique circumstance Eisenhower becomes the Democratic candidate, then indeed there would be a battle-royal, even tho' no one knows definitely where the General stands on any of the important issues. He is a natural, however, as a symbol of a country unafraid and that is the sort of lift which is being sought by the average man in the street, who is struck with a great fear as to what the future has in store. In a lesser degree, Stassen also give off an aura of that high courage which is one of the chief needs of the momentous occasion and as a personal equation the Minnesota man is head and shoulders over all of his active rivals.

The pattern seems to be forming to have him on the ticket for Vice-President with Vandenberg as the Presidential nominee. That set-up would win handsily over Truman, from all the data available, and those consistent and foot-free Republicans in a section like this, and also in such similar spots as Westchester County in New York, etc., should try to see to it that the manipulators do not combine to sell their country a bill of goods and attempt to foist some Harding-like mediocrity on the nation as it confronts a challenge which is charged with more peril than at any previous crisis in American history.

Narberth asserted itself grandly at the primaries, not particularly by voting for Stassen, but because so many citizens made a conscientious and refreshing decision which was independent of any professional direction, and that certainly is after the way of an enlightened and free people, well-girded to cope with any forces of evil that may assail them.

REPORT FROM BOGOTA

Dr. Gaitan Buried; Colombia Normal; Conference Ending

By Joyce P. Lowmes

Sunday, April 25, 1948.

Bogota.

The work of the Ninth International Conference of the American States has proceeded with great vigor this past week. The delegates have been working at top speed in order that all may come to an agreement concerning the Pact by April 30th.

Dr. Gaitan was buried Wednesday with great ceremony, but no "demonstrations" were evident. All business stopped for the day, and most cautious people remained in their houses. Even the Conference suspended its activities Wednesday to pay homage to the famous Dr. Gaitan. After Gaitan was buried, the various commissions began to move from the Gimnasio Moderno in the outskirts of Bogota to the Capitol Building.

Normalcy is more or less restored in Colombia. The "rebels" no longer hold any of the towns, and the army is in control. There are still no police on the streets. It will be recalled that the assassin of Dr. Gaitan was a policeman in civil

clothes. The masses of course were infuriated with the police. In addition, it is believed that many of the police joined the "rebels." Except on a very few of the widest streets, the Boy Scouts have taken over the direction of traffic. It is a rather surprising sight to see a young lad of ten or eleven playing the part of a traffic policeman. Since there are no traffic lights in Bogota, these boys have a big job to perform, and they have been doing exceptionally well.

Secretary of State Marshall made his farewell speech at four o'clock Friday afternoon in the Comision de Iniciativas. One hour later, with no ceremony whatsoever, he left Techo Airport in his plane. By staying in Bogota until the crisis was well over, General Marshall emphasized the importance of the conference and detracted from any success that subversive elements might have had in permanently stopping the conference. Many people feel that General Marshall would not have remained here for such a long time if there had not

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Off to the Caribees



Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Ennis, 55 Levering Mill Rd., Bala-Cynwyd, aboard the SS Santa Rosa as they sailed on April 16 for Curacao, Netherlands West Indies, Venezuela and Colombia.

Return Parking Ordinance To Committee

Further Study Required, Commissioners Decide After Hearing Apr. 28

Lower Merion Township's proposed new parking ordinance was returned to its special committee for further study last week, after a public hearing failed to agree on its merits.

Principal provisions of the proposed ordinance are an attempt by the township fathers to arrive at some solution for the growing parking problem, is that all stores, apartment houses, hotels, churches and places of public gathering shall be required to provide parking space in keeping with their size.

While civic associations agreed that this was a laudable attempt at a solution, they made a special request that the board of zoning adjustment pay heed to "hardship cases." This would include small retail stores whose total area would not permit room for parking spaces.

"What you need is not so much individual parking space as large parking lots, purchased by the Township and used to take care of the problem in areas where many stores and shops are centered," said Frederick W. Dreher, spokesman for the Suburban Square Corporation.

Dreher said that his organization had attempted to provide adequate parking for years, but found recently that when it tried to buy up lots to turn into parking space, the purchase price had been run up to exorbitant figures. He suggested that the township should consider the purchase and conversion of such lots as one of its primary objectives, if it were sincere in its attempt to remedy the situation.

Among those who approved the passage of the new ordinance, in whole or in part, were Main Line residents George Pasfield and Joseph Cairns, Jr., and spokesmen for the Overbrook Park, Penn Valley, Haverford, Rosemont, Wynnewood and Merion Civic Associations and the Wynnewood Improvement Association.

Rev. Lamont To Attend Assembly

Rev. Robert J. Lamont, pastor of the Narberth Presbyterian Church, has been elected to represent the Philadelphia Presbytery at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at Seattle, Washington, in May.

On Sunday Rev. Lamont will present his last sermon from the pulpit before leaving for Seattle, with Mrs. Lamont, on May 10. They will be gone about a month.

His sermon topic at the morning service will be "A Mother's Reward." In the evening his topic will be "The Blessedness of Godly Fear."

Party Planned by O. E. S.

A card party sponsored by the O. E. S. will be held Friday evening, in the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, at 8 P. M.

Boro to Get \$970.08

Narberth Borough will receive \$970.08 as its share of the \$91,555.40 allocated to Montgomery County from the Pennsylvania Motor Fund. This will be the second quarterly payment of 1948.

Narberth Holds Public Hearing On Zone Change

Residents Ask South Side Of Montgomery Ave Be Rezoned Commercial

A petition to rezone the south side of Montgomery ave., from Iona to North Narberth aves., from R-3 and R-4 residential to commercial will be argued at a public hearing in the Narberth Borough Hall, Friday evening, May 14. The hearing will be conducted by Sterling M. Chain, chairman of the Building committee of Borough Council.

The petition for a hearing was brought by residents of the area. Across the street, in Lower Merion Township, is a section of shops, two gas stations, a large market and other commercial establishments. The area is no longer valuable as a residential section, the petitioners argue, and they might be able to salvage an investment if they are permitted to use the properties for commercial purposes.

A similar petition, brought by residents of the area eight or nine years ago, was refused by Council. If it is refused this time, petitioners can appeal to the courts for a decision.

The Borough of Narberth was such a decision in the courts many years ago, but the judge trying the case asked that the matter not be brought to court again.

"The middle of the street is no place to change the zoning," he added.

Lutheran Youth Plan Program

To Conduct Services At Church This Week

The Youth Fellowship of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Narberth has planned a program for the young people of the church this weekend.

The program will begin Saturday evening with a party in the lower church at 8 P. M. A group headed by Bill Kuhn has planned an evening of games. In charge of refreshments will be Marion Jones, Ruth McComas, Dottie Senft, Mary Tripician, June Leins and Barbara Sloops.

Sunday morning at 9:45 a special devotional service in which the entire young people's department will participate will be held.

Rev. Cletus A. Senft will continue the theme of the weekend by preaching on the topic, "Home and Family Relationships" at the 11 A. M. service.

In the evening at 7:45 a service of reconciliation entirely planned and conducted by the young people will be held.

Memorial Day Poppies Arrive in Narberth

Memorial poppies which the people of Narberth will wear in honor of the war dead have been received by the Harold D. Speakman Post, American Legion Auxiliary.

"Making these flowers has provided interesting employment for veterans at the hospital all during the winter and spring months," explained Mrs. Frank A. Schrepfer, poppy chairman of the Auxiliary Unit. "It has helped keep their hands and minds busy, relieving them of long hours of tedium and contributing to their occupational therapy value toward their recovery."

They will be on sale in Narberth on Friday, May 14.

Baxter on Dance Committee

John E. Baxter, 13 Penarth rd., Cynwyd, is a member of the committee arranging the Spring Formal dance of Alpha chapter, Phi Psi of the Philadelphia Textile Institute. The dance will be held Friday evening, May 7, at the Oak Terrace Country Club.

Eileen Anderson Received Most Votes as Temple May Queen

An attractive Bala-Cynwyd girl, formerly of Oakmont, received one of Temple University's highest honors this week when she was chosen to reign as May Queen over Temple's annual May Day.

Miss Eileen Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, of 317 Montgomery Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, formerly of 133 W. Eagle Rd., Oakmont, received the largest number of votes ever cast for May Queen by Temple's student body.

Miss Anderson, a graduate of Haverford Township High School with the class of 1944, is a senior and a political science major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

She is president of the Magnet Senior Honor Society, a member of the Student Senate, vice-president of the Women's Athletic Association, secretary of Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority and a member of the Astron Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta, honorary education sorority and of the varsity hockey team. She is a member of St. George's Church, Ardmore.

Tickets for Overtime Parking Issued to 60 Residents in Week

"Doing Wonderful Job"



J. Paul Crawford, chairman of the Bryn Mawr Hospital building fund's public campaign (standing), congratulates leaders of the Italian Federation of Charities, for the part the Federation's volunteers are playing in the campaign. Seated, left, is Vincent Troncelliti, chairman of the Federation teams, and, right, Emilio Nitti, vice-chairman. Edwin M. Rhea, vice-chairman of the public campaign, is in the center.

Entertain 120 At Vets' Party Here

Red Cross and Service Clubs Fete Wounded

One hundred and twenty guests, including the entire Fifth Plastic Ward at the Valley Forge General Hospital, were present April 29 at the party given in the Overbrook Golf Club by the Ardmore Red Cross Community Service group, assisted by the Main Line Kiwanis and the Ardmore Rotary Club.

A hillbilly band conducted by Brady Utz supplied dinner music, and there were accordion solos by Jean Johnson and Ann R. Duff. Harold Watt and James McIntyre performed in a skit titled "Made-moiselle From Armentieres," and Mike Gould, in the role of an awkward waiter, brought down the house.

Following dinner the "Skyliners," a group of Haverford High School students directed by William Wiley, played for dancing. The "Skyliners" brought their own quartet and soloist, Joann Reed. James McIntyre was master of ceremonies and Charles Fanslow arranged the program.

Among those who assisted with the party were Mrs. Russell A. Cannon, Mrs. Millard Orr, Mrs. Frank Zell, Charlotte Langdon, Mrs. Arthur Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Molloy, James Ritchie, Charles Goodman, Sydney Thayer and Frank Winna.

Boro Man, 55, Dies in Hospital

Funeral services for Raymond H. Twardoska, of 244 Dudley Ave., Narberth, who died Tuesday in Bryn Mawr Hospital after an eight-week illness, will be held at 2 P. M. Saturday from the Stuard Funeral Home, Ardmore. He was 55.

Born in Reading, Pa., Mr. Twardoska had lived in Narberth for the past 16 years. He served as a clerk at the Autocar Company, Ardmore, for 21 years.

He was a member of the Cassia Lodge No. 273, F. and A. M., and the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, 69th St. Assembly.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn W.; three sons, Raymond H., Jr., and Gilbert, all of Narberth; two daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Westwood, of Haboro, and Mrs. Carol Leins, of Narberth, and three grandchildren.

Interment will be in Valley Forge Gardens.

M-L Playhouse Plans Election of Officers

Members of the Main Line Playhouse will meet Tuesday, May 18, to elect new officers for the coming year, and to hear Pete Boyle, well-known commercial artist and monologist.

The meeting, originally scheduled for May 4, was postponed so as not to interfere with rehearsals for the group's coming presentation of J. B. Priestley's "People at Sea." The production will be presented Saturday, May 15, in the Lower Merion Senior High School auditorium.

Narberth Juniors Hold Year's Last Meeting

Members of the Narberth Junior Women's Club held a card party at the Community Building last evening. The party was the last stated meeting of the year.

The Executive Board was hostesses.

May 15 the club is sponsoring an informal dance at Colonial Village for members and their friends.

Music will be provided by Ray Smythe and his orchestra and tickets may be obtained from the following: Mrs. Paul Lees, Mrs. George Albert, Mrs. Edmond Crocheron and Mrs. Garry Klapper.

Co. Republicans To Reorganize

382 to Attend Meeting In Norristown Tonight

The Republican Committee of Montgomery County will be reorganized at a meeting this evening in City Hall, Norristown.

Announcement of the meeting was made this week by State Senator Lloyd H. Wood, chairman.

382 members from the County's 191 voting precincts are expected to attend, although proxy certificates have been sent to each member so that he may send a substitute with voting power.

All incumbents are candidates for reelection.

At the annual dinner of the Cheltenham Twp. Republican organization Monday, State Senator Lloyd H. Wood was unanimously endorsed for reelection as chairman of the Montgomery County Republican Committee.

NARBERTH SCHOOL NOTES

Narberth Public School Operetta, "Meet Arizona," is an invitation. It expresses a hearty welcome to the West, to "Ride 'em Hard Dude Ranch." This was the scene of the new play by Charles Wakefield Cadman and George Murray Brown, presented Thursday and Friday evenings, April 29 and 30 by the Operetta Club of the Narberth Public School.

The leading characters were "Two-Gun Arizona Tom," portrayed by Bob Senft; "Little Blair," Connie Boney; "Carlos," Dick McConnell; "Maria," Eleanor Bunker; "Antonio," Wally Emmett; "Carlotta," Norma Byrd; "Jack Gully," Quey Maudana; "Larry," Benson; "Bob Beatty," Aunt Lavina; "Nan Simons," "Rennie," Bob Venis; "Cappy," Mike Cusey; "Bertie," Donald Annett; "Emily," Diane Cuthbert; "Tom Wilder," Bob Senft; "Tonita," Shirley Weiss; Mexican girls, Jackie Cotter, Barbara Hutton, Ann Spinelli and Vicky Tigano.

In the festa scene flower girls were Jackie Cotter and Ann Spinelli. The duds were Walter Gocin, Jack Bowers, Jimmie Ervine, Skippy Blair, Bruce Harris, Jim McEnam, Taylor Ogden and Eddie Sidwell. The gaudies were Diane Cuthbert, Connie Boney, Claire Blessing, Eleanor Catherman, Dorothy Klapper, Patty Marshall, Patsy McEnam, Peggy Offenhauer, Sally Parran, Arlene Smyth, Ann Snyder, Patsy Clark, Joanne McClintock, Kathryn Nelson, Irma Reese, Jill Morrill, Judy Stevens and Sally Williams.

The cowboys were Donald Annett, George Kelly, Charles Prior, John Thomas, Bob Webb, David Cooper, Dick Gillis, Donald Drain, John Connors, Bill Sparks, Tod Merkle, George Purring, Lynn Cuthbert, George Potter.

The Mexican boys were Jim McDill, Dick McConnell, Dominic Scorzetti, Don Sutton, Wally Emmett and Dick McAuliffe.

James McEnam, of the sixth grade, was a prize winner for his essay on "Why Children Should Have Pets." The contest was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He will receive his award at the P. S. P. A. on Friday evening, May 7.

Connie Boney, of the eighth grade, was first prize winner in the Narberth School for her essay on "Liberty, Our Great American Heritage." This contest was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 356.

Her essay will be entered into the county contest.

Shirley Weiss, Reporter.

Complaints About Meters Heaped On Borough Officials

Lack of Warning Tags Criticized; Merchants Praise Innovation

Narberth residents who had received parking tickets as the result of the installation of parking meters heaped complaints upon the shoulders of Borough officials during the first week of their installation.

So far, the officials stated this week, a total of 60 parking tickets have been issued to shoppers who exceeded the time limit designated on the parking meters since their installation.

"Most of the complaints," an official stated, "were caused by the fact that no warning tickets were issued, and the fact that they had exceeded the time limit by only a few minutes."

"If the shoppers would realize that the meters erected on Windsor Ave. have a two-hour limit," the spokesman added, "there would be less difficulty."

Haverford Ave. and Narberth Ave. are the streets most heavily used, while Windsor Ave. has had few cars parked.

Money received from the meters will be used for general Borough purposes, after the initial cost has been repaid. Borough records show that a total of \$355 had been received so far.

The breakdown includes \$40 inserted in the meters before they were in working order, \$150 inserted during the first week, and \$165 during the second week.

Despite the complaints brought by shoppers the meters were hailed as a boon to the Borough by merchants.

"Narberth shoppers now have a place to park near the store they want to patronize," one merchant stated, "and that fact alone should bring a greater amount of business into the Borough."

The meters were installed on Narberth's main streets the latter part of March, and became effective April 1.

\$3000 Blaze In Wynneood Home

Roof Catches Sparks From Burning Trash

An estimated \$3000 worth of damage was done, and two firemen were hospitalized, as the result of a fire in Wynneood Saturday.

The blaze broke out at 11 A. M. in a pile of pine needles and refuse under trees in the backyard of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Thomas, 310 Penn Ave., Wynneood. The Thomas' six-year-old son, Cruger, and a group of friends were playing with the trash and, according to firemen, one of the young children apparently had matches.

Neighbors who saw the fire called Narberth Fire Company, but before they arrived, the blaze was out. However, ten minutes later someone noticed a spark on the Thomas' roof, and soon the entire roof was aflame.

It took the fire company an hour and a half to extinguish the blaze. In the meantime Joseph Casey and Elmer Jenkins, two of the firemen, were injured by torn shingles, and taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Damage included the entire roof and two of the second-floor rooms of the house. The Thomas family reported that, thanks to the care exercised by the Narberth Fire Company, there was very little damage from water.

Baseball Club Elects Officers

Raymond Calhoun, of 2 Narberth Park, Narberth, was elected president of the Narberth Baseball Club at a meeting held April 28.

Other new officers include William S. Howard, vice-president; Harry Pusch, treasurer; C. H. Van Dusen, auditor; George E. Phillips, secretary, and 25 directors. Gene Davis was named manager; Jim Keyes, assistant manager; Dr. William T. Chain, club physician, and Tom Merkle, club trainer.

It was announced that the club would open the 1948 season with the Main Line League in a game with Glendolen at 3 P. M., Saturday, May 23, on the Narberth Community Field.

OUR TOWN IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:

Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.
Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

